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Kingston Water Department and City of Kingston Present: Educational Forum with Focus on Lead Tuesday, May 24th at 5:30pm at City Hall

The City of Kingston and Kingston Water Department are pleased to present an educational forum on Tuesday, May 24th at 5:30pm at City Hall (420 Broadway.) The intent of the forum is to educate the public on possible sources of lead in the environment and best practices for preventing and reducing lead in drinking water.

The forum will begin with opening remarks from Mayor Steve Noble. Additional guest speakers will include representatives from the NYS Department of Health and the Ulster County Department of Health, who will speak about the long term health effects of lead, as well as the sources of lead in our environment, and the Kingston City School District, who will discuss the District's most recent water testing results. Judith Hansen, the Superintendent of the Kingston Water Department and the lead facilitator of the forum, will provide an overview of Kingston's role in reducing our exposure to lead in our drinking water, what residents can do to reduce lead in their water, and what resources the Kingston Water Department has to support homeowners interested in testing their water.

Immediately following the presentations, a Q&A panel discussion will be held. Participants are encouraged to bring questions for the panel. Light refreshments will be served during the panel.

In recent weeks, the Kingston Water Department has released a fact sheet about lead, as well as the most recent results of its residential drinking water tests. The collection of results and fact sheet can be found at www.kingston-ny.gov/water.

For additional information, please contact the Kingston Water Department at 331-0175.

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